

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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File #802

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McCullough Property

AND/OR COMMON

Rock Springs Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Connelly Road 1 mile southeast of Rock Springs

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ MUSEUM

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ PARK

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ MILITARY

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jack and Carol Connelly

Telephone #: 658-5227

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Sterrett and Connelly Roads

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rock Springs Farm c. 1800 is a 2½ story coursed field-stone hall/parlor structure located on Connelly Road a mile east of Rock Springs. The main facade has a southern exposure and the main gable runs on a northwest/southeast axis.

The main block is 4 bays across by one room deep. A later 2½ story 2 bay by one room uncoursed stone addition extends to the south and continues the same steeply pitched gable slate roof. A single story screened in shed roof porch is attached to the north side of the structure. A uncoursed foundation, 1 bay by 1 bay remains on the northwest gable end. Its original use is not exactly known. The entire structure rests on an uncoursed stone foundation with a basement under the more recent section.

The main facade is a total of six bays with the first four from the north composing the earlier section. The entrance is located in the second bay from the north. The doorway has an extended lintel and three light transom. There is a six panel door. The surround has a slight bead on the inside edge. The 6/6 sash windows on the first floor have been altered since their surrounds have been replaced. The early mortise and tenon frames with ovolo molded backbands remain with the second story 9/6 sash windows. The southern of the 4 bays on the second floor has been altered with the removal of the early surround. An aluminum faced boxed cornice stretches across at the base of the slate roof. The stonework has been repointed in this century and a typical 20th century wide mortar band was used. There is a definite shift in stonework between the fourth and fifth bays. The break is rather uneven so the original must have been loosened and removed. Cut quoins do remain on the north corners of the main block.

The north gable end is plain outside the 4 pane attic lights and a brick cap to the stone chimney pile. The eaves are not extended and retain a plain bargeboard.

The northeast side only has 3 bays to the main block, the central one being a door. 9/6 sash remain on the second floor and 6/6 on the first. There is a small bead on the trim. The entrance has a six panel door and slightly beaded door surround. There are long and narrow paneled reveals. The 2 bay section is similar to the main facade except the door is in the southern most bay. An interior end ~~brick~~ ^{stone} stack rises out of the end of the ~~main~~ ^{early} structure.

The south gable end also has a brick cap to the stone pile. The gable end has a partially exposed basement with an exterior cellar entrance. Two 4 pane lights flank the stack.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/22/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

The interior could not be entered but significant amounts of Federally influenced woodwork could be determined. The north parlor of the main block has a late 18th or early 19th century mantel with molded fireplace surround with end pilasters that support a plain frieze, and a stepped mantel shelf supported by the frieze. The south parlor has a less detailed mantel with a beaded architrave, plain frieze, and stepped shelf. The rest of the house could not be seen.

A large 1½ story 3 bay barn is located directly behind the house. The siding is covered with composition tile and the roof with slate. A shed porch with exposed basement is attached to the southeast side.

OFFICE OF

THE CECIL WHIG,

H. R. TORBERT,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

ATTORNEY'S SALE

-OF-

Mortgaged Real Estate

BY VIRTUE of power contained in a mortgage from Samuel B. McCullough to Jacob Tome, dated the 13th day of February, 1883, and recorded among the land records of Cecil county, Md., in Liber J. A. D., No., 5, folio, 295, &c., the undersigned, attorney named in said mortgage, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door, in Elkton, in said county, on

Tuesday, the 15th day of May, 1888,

at 11 o'clock A. M., ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND OR FARM whereon said Samuel B. McCullough now resides, particularly described in said mortgage, and containing

96¹/₄ ACRES,

MORE OR LESS.

This farm is situated in the Eighth District of said county, on the public road to Rock Springs from Porter's Bridge, about 2¹/₂ miles from Colons, a station on the P. & B. C. R. R. The land is of good quality, in good order, all arable, divided into fields, well fenced, and watered by running stream. The improvements consist of a

LARGE STONE HOUSE



good FRAME BARN, WAGON HOUSE AND GRANARY, and other outbuildings, all in good order. APPLE ORCHARD and other fruit.

TERMS OF SALE, prescribed in mortgage, are cash on day of sale. Purchaser to pay cost of conveyance.

A. P. SHOCKLEY, Auctioneer.

W. J. JONES,
Attorney named in Mortgage.
Apr. 21st.

Elkton, Md., May 17th 1888

I hereby certify that the advertisement of mortgagee's sale in the case of the sale of the mortgaged real estate of Sam. B. McCullough, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, was inserted in the "CECIL WHIG," a weekly newspaper, published at Elkton, Cecil County, Maryland, three successive weeks, once a week, for one month, before the fifteenth day of May in the year 1888.

Henry R. Torbert
H. R. T.

PUBLISHER OF CECIL WHIG.

RRC 61/182
DEED

May 9, 1951

Joseph and Curtis Tyson (Executors of Israel
Tyson Reynolds)
to

Fred P., John M., Paul Y. Connelly
Israel Tyson died and left will dated June 26, 1944
and recorded in W No. 30/142
96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

WEB 27/530
DEED

May 4, 1943

Henry C. Burkins and Marg. J. Burkins
to

Israel T. Reynolds
"Being same land..."
96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

HWL 6/368
DEED

March 11, 1922

Luna J. Reynolds and others
(the widow of Albert G. Reynolds)
to

Henry C. Burkins
\$7500.00 96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
"Beginning for the same at a Cherry Tree"

JTG 11/341
DEED

Nov. 6, 1896

John Albert Boyd & wife (Ellen Boyd)
to

Albert G. Reynolds
2700.00
"...Cherry Tree..." 96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

JAD 23/380
DEED

Jan. 19, 1892

William J. Jones (Attorney for Jacob Tome Mortgage
to Simmers)
to

Albert J. Boyd
Sale at public auction \$3325.00
Recorded in Equity - 96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
William J. and Sarah J. Mortgage
Simmers (Mortgagors)
to

Jacob Tome (Mortgagee)
"Beginning at a Cherry Tree..."
96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

JAD 18/74
DEED

William J. Simmers
From

Jacob Tome
\$4200.00 96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

JAD 5/295
DEED

Mortgage of Sam B. McCullough
to

Jacob Tome - Default - William Jones,
Jacob Tome's Attorney offers for sale the
following property.

JAD 8/472
(EQUITY CASE)

\$2000.00 Equity no. 1384
96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres - newspaper clipping

Sam. B. McCullough (Mortgagor) \$3200.00
Jacob Tome (Mortgagee)
96 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

WHR 7/272
DEED
March 19, 1864

John P. Derrickson
to
Samuel B. McCullough
\$2475.00 96¼ acres

WHR 4/39
DEED
April 2, 1868

James Wilson and Louisa G. Wilson
to
John P. Derrickson
\$3273.00 121¼ acres
"west margin of the public road leading from
"Gibson's tavern to Porter's Bridge"

WHR 4/42
DEED

W.J. Jones & W.P. Ewing (trustees for property)
to
James Wilson

WHR 2/259
(Equity case)

Circuit Court Sept. 17, 1860 -
case of James Wilson vs. John P. Derrickson
Property containing 241 acres

HHM 8/304
DEED
March 27, 1857

John P. Derrickson
to
James Wilson
241 acres

HHM 7/592
DEED
April 21, 1857

James Wilson & Louisa Wilson
to
John P. Derrickson

241 acres two tracts of land

1. from Hiram McCullough (trustee to sell real estate of Lewis Thomas Nov. 1, 1849 to James Wilson -
2. from George Jenkins & Susan Jane Jenkins March, 19, 1850 to James Wilson

RCH 1/413
DEED

1. Hiram McCullough (trustee) to James Wilson (Chester County)
Equity May 4, 1849
Samuel Rowland, John S. Everist vs. Frisby H. Thomas (defendants)
194 acres (Andrew R. Porter to Lewis Thomas J.S. 22/23-33 - April 15, 1824)
2. George Jenkins to James Wilson
C. Andrew Porter to Lewis Thomas
April 15, 1824 331 A
And Lewis Thomas sold to George Jenkins
46 acres 106 perches

Will FF 6/64
Probated 9/17/1796

Samuel Porter
to
Nephew, Andrew Porter
Several tracts containing 313 acres and
72 square perches

0800345364

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. Rock Springs ORIGINAL OWNER --- ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER ---John M. Connelly PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Fieldstone NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CE - 34 2. NAME ROCK SPRINGS FARM DATE OR PERIOD 1790 - 1820 STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____ 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
<p>This is a long narrow house 2-1/2 stories in height with a gently sloping A-roof. It is six bays long. There are three chimneys, one at each end and one in the middle. The right two bays of the house were constructed in 1790 and the left four in 1820. All of the windows are 6/6 sashes. There are two doors with overlights on the front of the house. There are no windows on the ends except at the attic level. The fieldstone used in the construction of the house is smooth and presents an even surface. It is an attractive and tidy structure kept in a state of good repair. There are many huge holly trees on the property. It is a prosperous farm.</p> <p><u>Well maintained</u></p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered _____ Interior _____ Exterior _____	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH 2 print 3 b&w neg 3 B&W 4-1/2 x 3-1/4 coln 2466-7	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul Alan Brinkman 16 December 1967 DATE OF RECORD _____	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



Rock Springs Farm
Near Oakwood
South Elevation
DAG/1967
NEG - MD. Hist. Trust

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Cecil City #34

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(34) Gen

Rack Springs Farm

~~trained for sheep shearing~~

DG 12/67



(34) Coil

CSCIL CTY # 34

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Rock Springs Farm

399 DG 12/67



ROCK SPRINGS FARM

CC-34

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

^{NX}
ROCK SPRINGS, MD.

8/78 PBT



ROCK SPRINGS FARM

PE - 34

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

NR ROCK SPRINGS, MD.

P.B. T

9/78



Rock Springs Farm

South Elevation

N.E.
Rock Springs, MD.

8/78

PBT



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Rock Spring Farm - South Elevation

G. Henry 4/85

Negatives at MHT